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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed August 16, 2004, with a shortened statutory period set to expire on September 16, 2004. This paper is filed within the set period for response such that no extension of time is necessary.

Please consider the following amendments and/or remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.